

The BUZZ WORD



We may not be together, but we will never be apart,
for no matter what life brings us, you are forever in my heart.

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VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

Fulfilling the Promise

The Vermont Veterans' Home was established in Bennington in 1884. It is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The VVH offers a complete range of specialized care services for its residents. VVH goals focus on ensuring the dignity, independence, and the highest possible care and quality of life for each resident.

VVH is licensed to meet all levels of care for its residents and the VVH's departments and staff work together to provide those levels of care.

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From the Administrator—Melissa Jackson



To Our VVH Family and Friends,

Happy Spring-

As the weather gets warmer, we will see an increase in the number of Veterans and Members using the facility grounds. Please remember to drive slowly and be on the lookout for those who may be in the driveway.

We are planning on holding the Father's Day Car Show with the understanding that it may be cancelled at any time due to the community transmission rate of COVID in Bennington County at the time of the show, June 18th. More information on the details of the show will be listed in upcoming Buzz Words.

We are also working on how to reintroduce our fishing derbies back into our activities. This is in the planning process and we will share more information when available.

Our COVID testing protocols have not changed since last month's Buzz Word. The staff will be moving to surgical masks as the community transmission rate allows. You may see changes in PPE from one day to the next depending on this level.

We are beginning to discuss when we may be able to open the facility to allow the Veterans and Members to use the main dining room, the Chapel, and to move freely about the facility. There is no definite start date currently. Once established, we will share this information with you.

Thank you again for your support of the VVH staff.



Melissa A. Jackson, MBA, FACHCA

Chief Executive Officer

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From the Deputy Administrator
Asa Morin



This month I would like to take the opportunity to discuss our current religious services. You read last month about the health issues that our beloved Chaplain Ken Coonradt is dealing with. His strength and perseverance is inspiring. We wish him ongoing recovery and hope he will be back here soon.

In the interim, you will see a face, familiar to many of you, who will be providing spiritual counseling. We welcome our former social worker, Jacob Rogers-Martin, M. Div. to serve in capacity of Chaplain. Should your loved one desire spiritual counseling visits, please let their social worker or the activities aide know.

I would like to thank Dr. Salazar who has been providing communion on an on-going basis and will do so for Easter. We are able to access services on various TV channels as well as recorded services. At this time, we are still not able to use the Chapel for Catholic Mass or All-Faiths services, but we hope that we can return to that in the not-so-distant future.

If you would like to discuss any other religious needs that we may be able to accommodate, please contact our Activities Director, Michell Burgess.



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April is Occupational Therapy Month



Cindy Gadway and Cora Barilone

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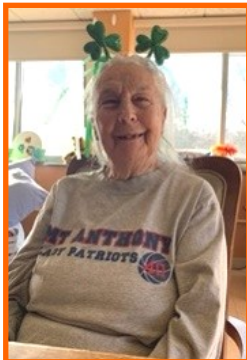


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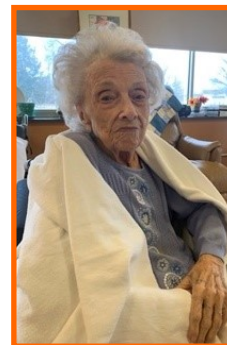
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HOWDY FOLKS,

Chaplain's Corner

On 10 April 2022 we Christians will celebrate Palm Sunday (also called Passion Sunday), the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter. It is the day Jesus made His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. All of Jesus' followers lead His procession with palm leaves, thus named Palm Sunday.

You will recall Jesus held His Last Supper with his disciples, where he related to them "I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Shortly thereafter, Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver by agreeing to tell the Roman authorities where He was. Jesus was taken before the authorities and mocked and treated horribly before taken to Golgotha and crucified.

We all know what happened the following Sabbath. He arose... and after confronting His disciples and others, He ascended into Heaven. Jesus endured all this horrible treatment, yet He took our sins (yours and mine) and promised us everlasting life after death on earth. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter. For a better rundown of the meaning of Palm Sunday events, see Matthew 26:36 through 27:54 in your Bible. For Easter, refer to Mark 16:1-19.

Arrangements are being made to have Palm leaves available at The Vermont Veterans' Home on the 10th of April. I won't be able to distribute them myself but will arrange for the Activities folks and the nurses to see that those who want one will get one.

God bless you all, please reflect on the events of Palm Sunday and Easter. Praise God for His great sacrifice and the promise of everlasting life.

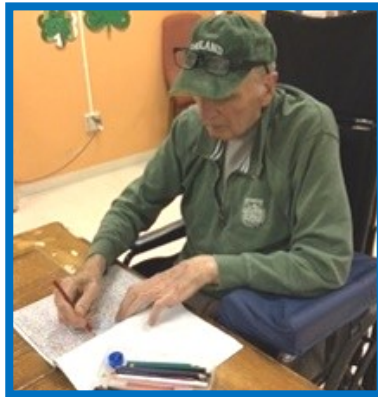
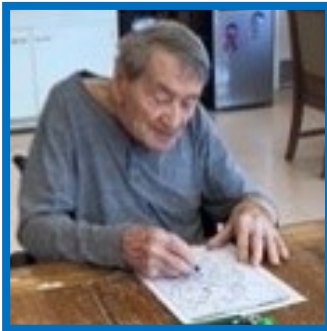
Chaplain Ken



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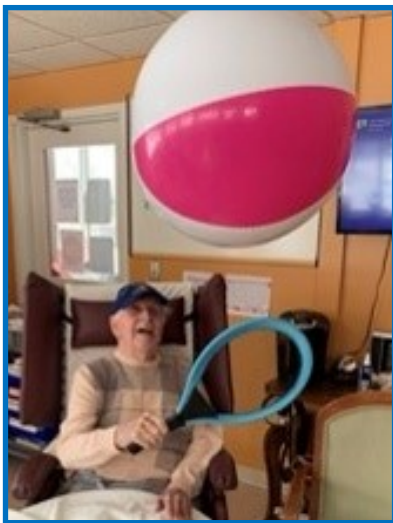
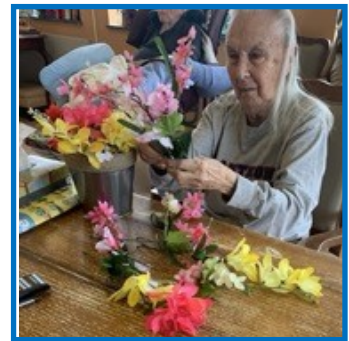
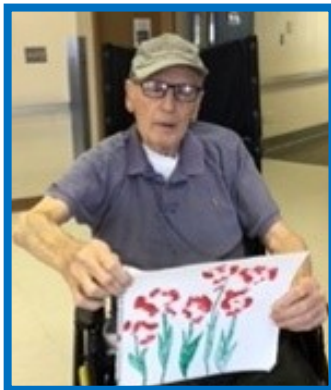
Asa Morin, COO (left) and on the far right, Melissa Jackson, CEO accept Thank You cards and candy lollipops for our Vietnam Veterans from The American Legion Auxiliary Post 13.

Representing the Auxiliary are Dee Colety, 4th District President Department of Vermont, Darlene Cumm, President American Legion Unit 13, Donna Stone, Sandra Sinclair, Susan Pleasant and Ann LeBlanc-Peters.



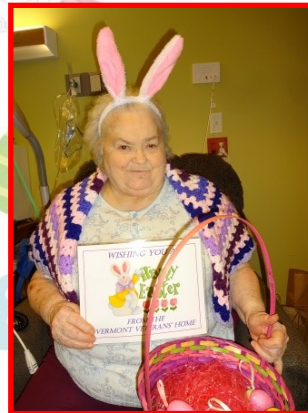
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**Decorating
trees is an
activity for
all seasons.**

**Our ladies
put on
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Trimmings.**



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Due to COVID-19, we are not able to accept: books, CDs, puzzles or used clothing. We will keep you posted when changes are made. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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a paved walkway around
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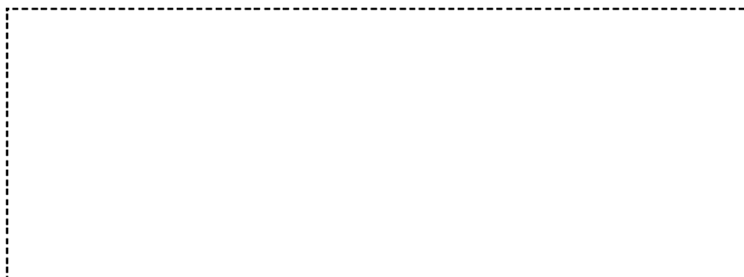
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THE
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***“FULFILLING THE PROMISE: Caring for the
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